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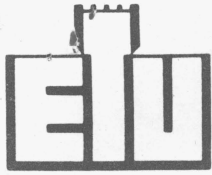
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LUMPKIN SCULPTURE

CHARLESTON, IL--As part of the Illinois Capital Development Board's Lumpkin Hall project at Eastern Illinois University, an Illinois artist has been commissioned to design a model of a large scale sculpture that will complement the building's architecture.

The entire sculpture project, estimated to cost \$32,000, will be paid for from state funds, according to Michael Dunbar of the CDB, which is responsible for the Lumpkin Hall project. Dunbar said the state set aside one-half of one percent of the Lumpkin Hall construction appropriation to fund art work for the facility.

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Dann Nardi, a Shelbyville native who now resides in Bloomington, will create a three-dimensional design for approval.

Nardi was selected by a nine-member Fine Arts Review Committee, headed by Dunbar. Representing Eastern on the committee are Assistant to the Vice President for Business Affairs Vic Robeson and Lumpkin College of Business Dean Ted Ivarie.

Other members include Robert Gruber of Rettberg-Gruber Architects of Champaign, project architect for Lumpkin Hall; Tom Poludniak, CDB project manager; Pat Mahler, Coles County Board member; Michael Watts, Illinois State Museum director's appointee and director of Eastern's Tarble Arts Center; James Armsey, Illinois Arts Council chairman's appointee; and Milburn Smith, Charleston mayor's appointee.

If Nardi's model is approved, he will be retained to create the sculpture, which will be located outside at the northwest corner of Lumpkin Hall.

Nardi, a self-taught artist who likes to design exceptionally large sculptures, is also working on another project, a 17-foot-tall monument to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the campus of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.